

As I write this piece, (as was the case with the P's), the proof reading by Stephen Steere of section "L" of the New Illustrated Catalogue is proceeding apace and will hopefully be completed in time for the spring meeting in London. There are 1,193 different "L" dies listed, an increase of 11.5% on the 1,070 known after the 1993 Update. The number of identified stands at 667, a healthy 55.9%.

Tens of thousands of perfinned stamps have been inspected by the collectors who have contributed to this latest catalogue. Over 9,800 different stamps are itemised against the 1,191 different dies giving an average of just over 8 stamps/die. In perspective, the "Skinner-Gault G.B. Perfin Reference Collection" has 980 DD on 6,113 DDF. Special thanks go to all those who have contributed material to the collection during the past year.

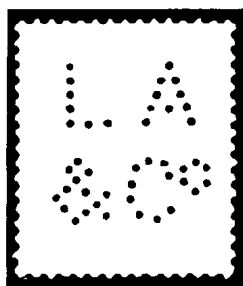
The *longest lived* of the "L" dies is "L/&C^o/L^d" (L1300.02), used 1890-1965 by Lister & Co Ltd, Textile Manufacturers, Bradford. "L&C^o" (L1160.03) has the *greatest number of DDF* at 71 (on 13 different issues), and "LINE" (L3180.01) can be found on the *greatest number of issues* - 15, with 70 DDF. The 'scarcity' table first presented with the P's shows similar results for the L's.

DDF Known	DD	%	Scarcity
10 or more	322	27.0%	Common
4-9	362	30.3%	Reasonable
2-3	275	23.1%	Scarce
0-1	234	19.6%	Rare
TOTAL	1,193		

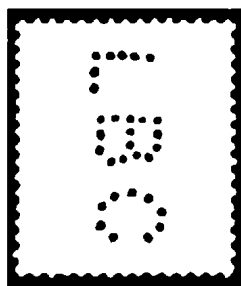
The following 20 dies have been reported over the years but no records survive regarding stamp details. Can I invite you all to have a look through your collections to see if you have any examples.

They must be out there somewhere!

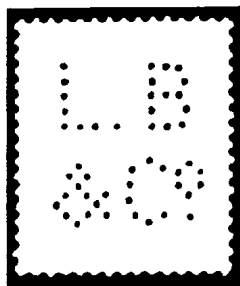
If you have, please report stamp issue/value and any postmark/date information to help provide an accurate date range for the die.



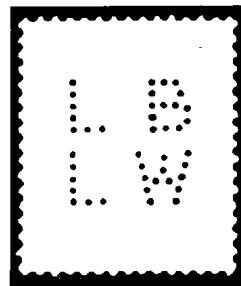
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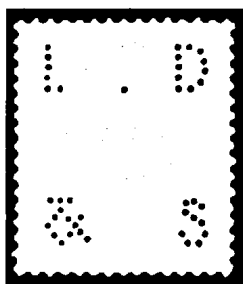
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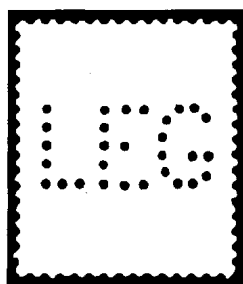
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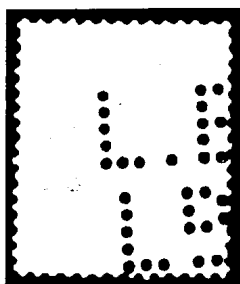
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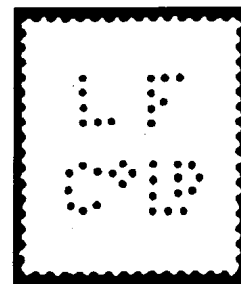
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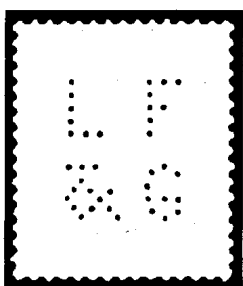
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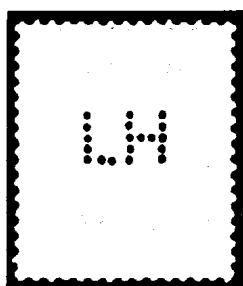
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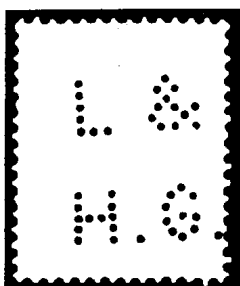
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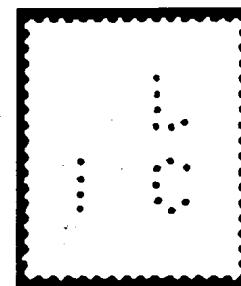
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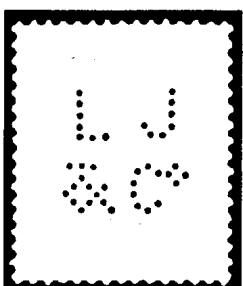
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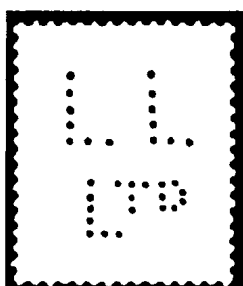
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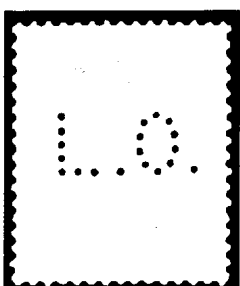
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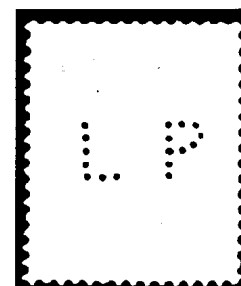
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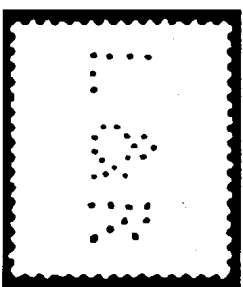
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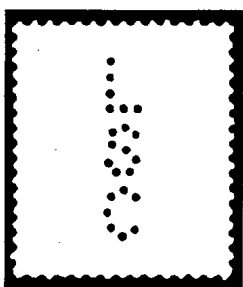
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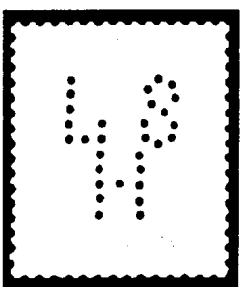
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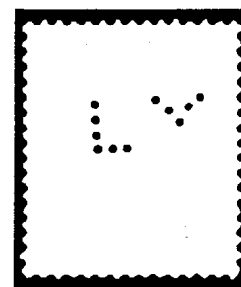
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G.B. Perfin's commencing letter "L" with no known details.